



#### A GREAT YEAR TO BE ALIVE

Despite troubles on many domestic and international fronts, most of us could echo the sentiment of the old-fashioned and somewhat this-worldly Saint who said: "Heaven is my home, but I'm not homesick." To the Christian, this world, as well as the next, is God's world. He loves this world of persons, and in Christ showed us how much He loves us and all mankind.

Nevertheless, the explosions of violence in the world disturb us. It is not a completely serene situation in which we are involved. Nor is it ever likely to be "peace, perfect peace in this dark world of sin" -- externally. Yet this is a great year in which we live. Like Christians of the early Church, and like Christians in subsequent turbulent eras, we may say confidently: "Don't just worry about what is coming to the world. Think of who has come to the world." His presence and program will not simplify complex problems. But his presence and plan for His followers provide light and power in which to find and apply working solutions.

It is a great time to be alive. Are we really alive\_ - in the New Testament sense? Worshipping every week with God's. people, listening for His word in the Bible, in our prayers, in our study, in the events of our time, witnessing to Christ and His way in our work and play and giving to His cause - all show to how to be truly alive. Best of all, using such "means of grace" keeps us alive.

Richard Thomas, BSG  
Superior

#### THE APPEAL FOR MISSION

Through our Appeal For Mission we ask your support for the work of the Order. Everyone is very aware of the "spiraling inflation" today and it effects us at least as much as it does you. But our Brotherhood Vestment Exchange is receiving more and more requests and our Intercession List is being sent to an ever-expanding readership through THE SERVANT (900 per month to date). The costs involved rise constantly and we must look to you for help.

Along with this issue you will find a self-addressed envelope for your gift. Please be as generous as you can. Of course, all donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be provided upon request.

May our Lords' blessing be upon you now and always!



## AN INVITATION:

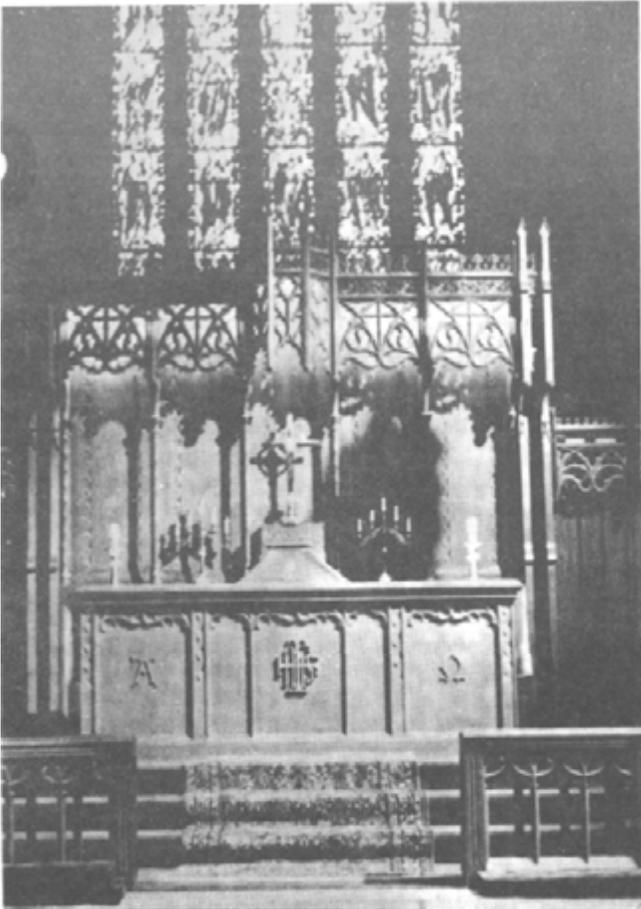
### THE MASS OF THE ORDER, GENERAL CHAPTER 1981

On the weekend of September 11 thru 14 Brothers from across the country will assemble in White Plains, New York, for the 12th annual General Chapter of the Order. This is the time each year when all of the Brothers come together in Community for prayer, thanksgiving and renewal (and we also try to find time to conduct our annual "business meeting," as well!). The highlight of this four-day weekend has always been the Mass of the Order, which we are happy to share with as many of our Companions, friends and supporters as can possibly attend. Therefore, please accept this as our personal invitation to join with us at Saint Bartholomew's Church, 82 Prospect Street, White Plains, on Sunday, September 13, at 4:00 P.M. as we thank God Almighty for His many gifts bestowed upon each of us.

The Celebrant will be our Provincial Chaplain of Province II, Fr. Frank L. Knight, and our Superior will preside and preach.

We especially ask your prayers for our Brothers who will be advanced within the Order at this Service of Thanksgiving: The Superior will receive the Renewal of the Annual Vows of Profession of Brs. Christian, Kevin James, Jason Jude and Luke Anthony, Brs. Anthony Francis, John Peter, William Francis and Stephen Joseph will make their First Vows of Profession; and Br. William will be Received into the Novitiate of the Brotherhood.

As is our custom, a reception will follow the service. Clergy and Religious are invited to Process (R.S.V.P.: 914-949-5577). Clergy: white stoles.



*Our new Postulants, Brs . Brendan and Edward Peter, with Br. Richard Thomas, Superior and Br. James, Assistant Superior*

*St. Bartholomew's Church White Plains, Our "HOME" and scene of a General Chapter*



*Assembling the SERVANT, sorting zip codes: l.-r. Brs. Anthony Francis, Stephen Joseph, William Francis (back) Edward Peter and the Superior. A little behind the scenes shot !*



INTERCESSION

FOR THE ILL

POPE JOHN PAUL, II

BR. NORMAN CROSBIE, SSF

FOR THE DEPARTED

ALFRED V. SLADE, SR.

FOR THE CLERGY, All Bishops, Priests and Deacons, especially:

RT. REV'D JOHN M. ALLIN

MOST REVD ROBERT A. K. RUNCIE

RT. REV'D PAUL MOORE, JR. (Visitor)

RT. REV'D HORACE W. B. DONEGAN

RT. REV'D MATTHEW P. BIGLIARDI

RT. REV'D PHILIP A. SMITH

RT. REV'D WILLIAM G. BLACK

Rev'd Elwyn D. Brown

Rev'd Robert R. Parks

Rev'd Stuart K. Frane

Rev'd Thomas F. Pike

Rev'd Henry N. Fukui

Rev'd Robert Pollard, III

Rev'd J. Norman Hall

Rev'd Thomas R. Schulze

Rev'd Errol Harvey

Rev'd Henry G. Turnbull

Rev'd Frank L. Knight

Rev'd Robert J. Vanderau

Rev'd Ledlie I. Laughlin, Jr.

FOR THE RELIGIOUS ORDERS,

The Visitation Nuns Society of Saint Francis  
Carmelite Sisters of the Aged and Infirm

The Sacramentine Nuns  
Taize  
Community of the Holy Spirit

SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR:

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk, England. Br. Matthew Joseph, BSG  
the Companions of The Brotherhood of Saint Gregory.  
Brother Martin, SCK  
Br. Robert Hugh, SSF who has been appointed acting Minister Provincial of the Society  
of Saint Francis.  
the parish of Saint Paul's on the Green, Norwalk, Connecticut, as they begin their  
Parochial Mission entitled "Renewal in Christ".  
the parishes of Grace Church and Christ Church, Norwalk, Connecticut.  
Jerry Moize and William Williams.  
the General Chapter of the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory.

THANKSGIVINGS FOR:

the anniversary of the Life Profession of Br. Richard Thomas, BSG, Founder and  
Superior.  
the Renewal of of the Annual Vows of Brs. Christian, Kevin James, Jason Jude, and  
Luke Anthony, BSG.  
the First Profession of Vows of Brs. Anthony Francis, John Peter, William Francis  
and Stephen Joseph, BSG.  
the Reception into the Novitiate of Br. William, BSG.  
the birthdays of Brs. Stephen Joseph, Tobias Stanislas and Brendan, BSG.  
the ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons of Rev'd Thomas John Davidson, Obl/OHF  
the First Profession of Vows of Brs. Aaron, David Burgdorf, Gordon Peter and John  
Rohim, SSF.  
the ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of the Rev'd Robert J. Warner, SA